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## Targeted

**Target credit card scandal affects 70 M. people, including college students**

BY ANDREW ROSNICK  
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Target disclosed that over 110 million individuals might have been affected by the mass information breach that took place over the holidays. The number was originally thought to be closer to 40 million, but recent reports paint a far more extensive story.

Since the news broke out, more and more details have continued to emerge. It seems as though the software that was used to hack Target's system was a modified form of software that is available commercially on "Cybercrime Forums," or forums online where hackers share software and programs. The program can be obtained for around \$2,300. The hacker/software bypassed the Target system and it was originally believed that credit card/debit information as well as encrypted pins had been acquired.

CNBC sources have disclosed that Target could face up to \$1.1 billion in fines due to the data breach. This figure does not even begin to take into account the losses in revenue due to the negative side effects that came to fruition through the scandal, such as drop in stock, lowered sales, decline in sign ups for loyalty members and customer goodwill. Target's stock recently hit a 52 week low at \$56.73 per share.

The recent Target scandal has shed light on how credit cards and the security measures US banks and retailers use fail in comparison to those used around the world. The high-tech credit cards used throughout Europe and in other parts of the world have essentially eliminated common types of fraud. However, the conversion from the current system to a more high-tech version could take years and cost up to \$8 billion. While the world seems to be embracing the change to a more advanced system, the United States, who once held the lowest credit card rates in the world, has seen those rates double since high-tech cards have come onto the scene.

In an interview with senior and Information Systems major Christopher Pezza of UNC Wilmington, information was shed on how the Target scandal has affected normal college students. Pezza had done some holiday shopping at a Target, and after hearing about the scandal Pezza noticed a charge had been made on his credit card at a gas station in Detroit for \$40.

After stumbling upon this information Pezza contacted his bank, who promptly

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Shaquan Davis graphic

## Hazing controversy comes to light after two years of silence by the administration

BY JACOB TROXELL  
News Editor

The Salisbury University chapter of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity was sentenced to four and a half years of sanctions, placed on suspension until 2015 and also on probation until 2017 following an investigation regarding hazing back in the spring of 2012.

Then SU student, Justin Stuart, claims he was forced to recite the fraternity's creed in his underwear while being sprayed with cold water, outside and in a trashcan, on an already cold March evening. Stuart also claimed that during the initiation process pledges were forced to drink until they nearly passed out, were beat with a paddle and locked in a basement for hours without food, water or a bathroom while blaring music played the entire time. The treatment he received reminded Stuart of Guantanamo Bay.

While the fraternity was found guilty of the al-

legations that its pledges were hazed, breaking university and state policy, the campus community was not notified of the suspension until this semester.

Vice President of Student Affairs Dane Foust said that SU students were not informed about the incident or the investigation right away because of the regulations of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act as well as the administrations' responsibility to provide Sigma Alpha Epsilon a fair judicial process.

"Hazing cannot be tolerated," Foust said. "In general, all it really takes is one really negative thing to occur to set us back a few steps."

Stuart, and his father Henry Stuart, have made it clear they are not satisfied with how the entire situation has been handled. Henry Stuart said he plans to file a civil lawsuit against Sigma Alpha Epsilon and possibly against SU as well.

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## Freshman class continues to improve

BY OLIVIA KLOCK  
Staff Writer

Salisbury University is an institution that achieves national recognition and offers many opportunities that continue to draw students in, especially first-time freshmen.

SU was granted the 2013 Maryland Green Leadership Award. The student-athletes have made a name for the university as one of the most competitive inter-collegiate athletics programs in the country, with 17 NCAA Division III team national championships in just over two decades. The university is also home to over 100 recognized student organizations to get involved in.

As the popularity of SU increases, student enrollment will increase correspondingly. As stated in a memorandum from the Office of Salisbury University Analysis, Reporting and Assessment, in fall of 2012, SU's student headcount was 8,657, an increase of 51 (+6 percent) over Fall 2011. Since 2002, the headcount has increased by 26.4 percent.

Sarah McCullough, a freshman from Hodgson Vo-Tech High School of Newark, Del., only attended one open house during her college search: SU's.

"I hadn't heard too much about Salisbury from my peers while I was looking into colleges, but I had heard enough that made this the only open house I was actually really looking forward to," McCullough said.

Ericka Hargreaves, a freshman from Smithsburg High School, located in Washington County, had originally heard about Salisbury from her friends who at-

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## Thai Rada restaurant opens in Sea Gull Square



Terrance Payne photo

BY NICOLE BISNER  
Staff Writer

Thai Rada is a new restaurant located in the SeaGull Square shopping center on Salisbury University's campus.

The restaurant décor consists of traditional Thai artwork, creating a place to comfortably sit and have a nice meal. The manager, Brandon, said that Thai Rada has another location in Onley, Virginia. When the restaurant began looking to open a new location it was observed that Salisbury did not have a lot of Thai restaurants.

"It seemed to be the perfect place to open one," Brandon said.

Located in the SeaGull Square shopping center makes it a convenient location for SU students, and there is nothing really similar to it in the area.

"It gives college students something different to try in comparison to a lot of other restaurants in the area," Brandon

said.

One of the popular dishes on the menu is the Pad Thai, which is Thai Small rice noodles stir-fried with bean sprouts, green onions, ground peanuts and egg. Other popular items on the menu include the Drunken noodles and the Hawaiian fried rice.

Recommended dishes include the Pla Mouk Tod appetizer, which is fried calamari, the Laab Gai, Kway Tiew soup and any of the curry dishes.

Also, if you are craving something sweet for dessert, Thai Rada has mango with sweet sticky rice, and fried banana with honey sesame seeds.

Customers come to Thai Rada from beyond the campus community as well. One restaurant patron said she had been to the location in Onley, Va., loved it, and when she found out they were opening a location in Salisbury she had to try it. She said she

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But just as the Stuart family is dissatisfied with the situation, members of the suspended fraternity are also upset with how the conclusion of the investigation. SU alumni and founder of Salisbury's SAE chapter, Michael Scarborough, withdrew a \$2 million dollar donation to the university following the fraternity's suspension, and could not be reached for comment before the publication of this issue.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon's Associate Executive Director of Communications, Brandon Weghorst, said that the fraternity declined to comment on the issue at this time.

A survey of college students around the United States done by the University of Maine in March 2008 found that over half the students involved in clubs, teams and organizations experienced hazing at least once. They also found that hazing occurs across a wide

range of student groups, and that varsity athletic teams were No. 1 on the list with 74 percent of members saying they have experienced at least one hazing behavior. Fraternities and sororities came in second at 73 percent and third was club sports teams at 64 percent.

Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs and the Dean of Students, Valerie Randall-Lee, said that sometimes one bad happening or hazing incident can overshadow the positive things that an organization and its university have to offer. Randall-Lee also said that Greek life at SU does a lot of great things through community service projects and philanthropy and that hazing statistics can sometimes be misleading or inflated.

"When you think hazing you think someone being forced to drink alcohol and then being put into the trunk of a car (extreme measures)

a lot of times it's just the little things in middle forms," Randall-Lee said.

Will Gough, a sophomore on the swim team at SU, said that being on the team has had a positive impact on him and he knows that with practice every day he must stay ahead on his assignments. Gough also said hazing has not been a problem with him and his teammates.

"Everyone is really accepting of new teammates," Gough said. "Once you make the team you're part of the family."

Junior Michael DiMayo, a member of Sigma Tau Gamma, said there are countless benefits to having Greek life organizations on college campuses, and one of them is having an active student body that will participate in community service and other charitable organizations. DiMayo also said sometimes people are unjustly negative towards fraternities.

"A lot of people focus only on the negatives like hazing, and never the benefits these organizations can provide," DiMayo said. "Personally it just doesn't make sense to me, why would you want to haze your friends?"

Sophomore Meghan Washington, a member of Phi Mu, said going Greek made a huge impact on her life, got her more involved on campus and has helped her and her fellow members academically.

"Each chapter has study hours, GPA requirements and study groups so that we can all excel in our academic programs," Washington said. "Leadership and academics allow us all to strengthen our interpersonal skills and to grow in our values so that we can give back to the Salisbury community."

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tend SU, as well as their pleased parents.

"They knew I was looking at schools so whenever we would run into the parents, they would always say something like, 'Oh you should really look here. We have been so happy with it,'" Hargreaves said.

In 2004, there were 986 first-time freshmen out of a total undergraduate headcount of 6,366. In 2012, there were 1,232 first-time freshmen out of 7,969 total. First-time freshmen enrollment has increased by 7.1 percent since Fall 2007, according to UARA.

Not only is Salisbury becoming more popular, but it is also becoming more competitive. For fall 2012 admissions the average SAT score, for first-time students who submitted SAT scores, was 1724 (Reading, Math and Writing Composite), and this same group had a high school GPA of 3.71. This is an increase of 13 points in the composite SAT score, which also set a record as the highest in Salisbury University history (UARA).

Senior John Palasits transferred to Salisbury as a rising junior out of Howard Community College. Palasits believed he was a suitable candidate, leaving the community college with a 3.8 GPA.

"It's becoming more difficult to get in to because Salisbury is attempting to raise its standards and no longer be a university to which everyone can receive admission," Palasits said.

Palasits projects the SU undergraduate enrollment total will grow to 15,000 by 2025.

"With that projection in mind, the university will need to serve the student body," Palasits said.

The Academic Commons is an upcoming project on SU's campus that many students are anticipating. Since the construction will take some time, the current freshmen class will likely get the most use out

of the building in comparison to other students now at Salisbury. McCullough and Hargreaves are pleased that the university is adapting to the growing student body. McCullough, especially, is looking forward to the new building in which to study on campus, because she looks at it as a reward.

"They want to give us a new place to study because we flat-out need more room, but from what I've heard it's supposed to be pretty nice, like, they really want SU students to have the best," McCullough said.

SU is a second home to many. McCullough, Hargreaves and Palasits all plan to recommend SU to others.

"I even had a friend who's a sophomore in high school come visit just to see me. She left being in love with the school, and it's definitely going to be at the top of her list when she gets older," Hargreaves said.

Salisbury University is known for many things, inside and out of the classroom. The students' intelligence and academic performances get them here, and the atmosphere of their peers, faculty and staff makes them truly want to stay.

"It's a sentimental semester this spring, and I wish I didn't have to leave," Palasits said.

The campus community that SU has created will continue to grow as time goes on. As the good word spreads, more and more students will want to come to the Eastern Shore. The parameters of admission will likely become even more of a challenge to meet.

High school students and potential college transfer students will need to get ready for SU. With such rising popularity and competitiveness, Palasits says that becoming a Salisbury Sea Gull is a title that is "truly life changing."

## TARGET

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removed the charge from his account and replaced the amount that was withdrawn. He had no interaction with Target throughout this process.

"It was tough, you know? Because when you're in college you're basically living paycheck to paycheck and luckily I didn't have this problem, but if it was time to pay rent or something and I didn't have the money in my account because of it, that would have been really tough. Luckily I worked it out with my bank quickly enough after noticing the charge that this wasn't a problem," Pezza said.

Though it is a very minor case, Pezza's experience does show how this situation has affected normal college students as well as parents, and that anyone who shopped at Target during the time frame

could be at risk. Target has been fairly transparent with the public and many have compared their handling of the situation to the Tylenol CEO's handling of the 1982 Cyanide Crisis.

For those who do not know or remember, in Chicago, in 1982, seven people died after taking pain relief medicine capsules that had been laced with cyanide by an unidentified subject who has not been caught to this day. Tylenol CEO James E. Burke handled the situation that could have ended the company so well that it has been used as a shining example of what to do when a scandalous situation threatens a company.

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enjoyed the Tom Ka Gai soup, which is a chicken soup with coconut milk, galangal root, tomatoes, onions, mushroom and cilantro.

"I was drawn to Thai Rada because of health reasons," the customer said. "Thai food is a lot healthier for you in comparison to other food that you normally eat out."

Not only is the food healthier for you, but every dish on the menu is gluten-free, and something unique to the restaurant is that all of the food is fresh and from Thailand.

To a college student, the price of food is top priority. Currently there are eight specials that Thai Rada has on the menu, and new specials are in the making.

"We are planning on soon students will have the ability to get student discounts," Brandon said. Also, if you are on the go and not looking to dine in, take-out is also an option.

For healthier, gluten-free alternatives when eating out, or just to try something unique and authentic, Thai Rada is recommended.

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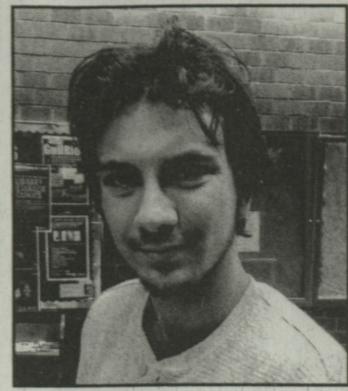
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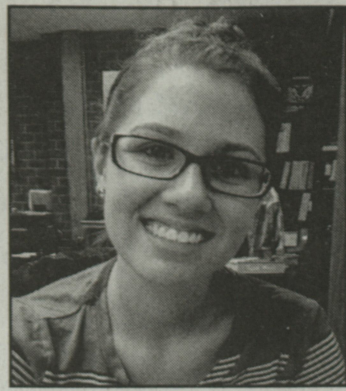
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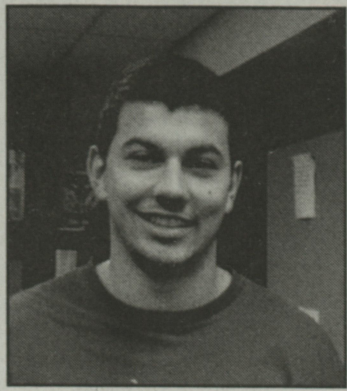
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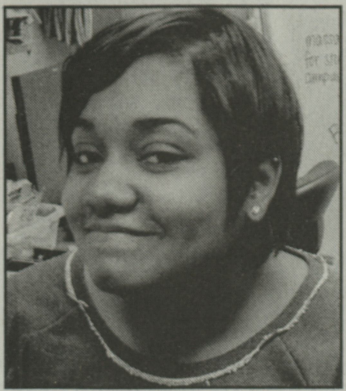
"I have no opinion."  
-JJ Ruth, junior



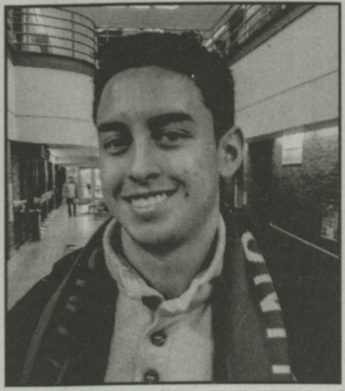
"I know Greek Life has their traditions, but no one should get hurt because of them."  
-Meghan McNulty, junior



"It shouldn't be tolerated at all."  
-Jerard Pawar, junior



"It's unnecessary."  
-Bri Pleasant, freshman



"I don't think it should be allowed."  
-Wilson Llerena, senior

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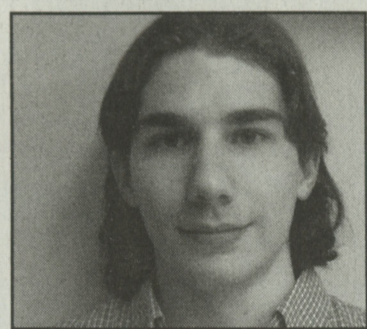
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## The In-Between



BY KYLE SHAW  
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Being of average college student age is a bit of a quandary.

Technically, we have achieved the status of adulthood and are legally recognized as such. There are privileges open to us that were formerly unattainable as a teenager. High school is in the rear view mirror, and what lies ahead is a thick, foggy layer of uncertainty.

This feeling of limbo and purgatory is captured by the fact that we have the option of vaging war for our country and dying for it, yet a large group of us cannot yet legally buy a drink to cope with that. For the rest, that opportunity is something just recently earned. In a grand societal view, we may as well still be children until we are fully integrated into the real world. What are we to do with that?

As liberating as it may be to finally venture forth out of our paternal nest, it is still the most weirdly awkward time in our lives, yet the most crucial. Using these years in college, even if they are not all at SU, directly shapes what the rest of our lives will be, who we are as individual human beings.

There are a high number of students who have yet to really consider the future as inevitable or even what they want to do with it. As early as middle school we are posed with the question of what we want to do. In high school it is further stressed, but ultimately drowned out by the irresponsibility of adolescence. Many attend college classes across various fields just to see what interests them.

Now is the time, if you have not already done so, to see yourself through the looking glass and formulate a clear, single identity, asking the most basic questions. Who am I? What do I want? What makes me happy?

From there you establish the very framework of your future. I am not one for fate or destiny, as I believe free will is stronger than any predetermined, scripted path. We work with the resources and opportunities available, but if we cannot decide what direction to go with them, they are wasted. Once you have a better understanding of what being a living, breathing person means to you personally and not what someone else tries to conform you to, you step away from the pack.

Make both short-term and long-term goals. The satisfaction of accomplishing something you set out to do will only encourage you to

move forward. Knowing what your ultimate goal is — your biggest aspiration or dream — it will become clearer what it is you need to do.

The biggest instrument of your success is your resume. It is your documented collection of personal benchmarks, your key to unlocking doors otherwise shut if you sat around doing nothing. Getting your foot in the door in your respective field is the hardest part initially, but once you surround yourself with like-minded individuals and learn from those with more experience (professors, bosses, advisors, even friends and family), you will be more equipped to make your own impression in society.

Everything you do now in school should be done under the assumption that every action, every consequence will in some way affect what happens after you graduate. If you intend on going to the next level in grad school, those schools will judge you based on what you are doing right now. If you are going directly into your field (job market permitting), you gain an advantage getting as much prior experience now as possible. You could be more talented and capable than someone else applying for a position, but if their dossier consists of exponentially more brow raising achievements, then the job is theirs. If you are going into the military, you can exit this school a much more mature, focused individual than a few years ago.

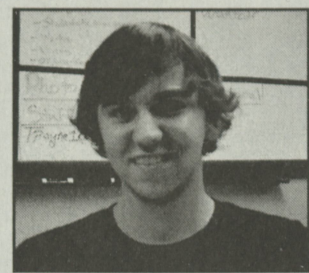
Regardless of your path, we live in a world fueled by competition. To me, my time here pits me in direct competition with everyone else who will be fighting me for any job I apply for in the future. I can do everything in my power now to make myself stand out above them.

The range of options for building a substantial resume is available and within reach. Internships, whether paid or unpaid, give you the most direct real world experience and are practically a necessity for starting your career. Extracurricular activities such as clubs, volunteer work or anything you can document is highly desired. Study abroad offers students who don't plan on working within the States a chance to see the workspace on a global scale. Even if you do plan on being in America, having that exposure not only looks good, but broadens your perspective.

In college we are given our first taste at freedom. Don't be a prisoner within yourself and squander it. Yes, we need balance, entertainment, social interaction and outright fun to keep ourselves from going totally insane. That's what makes us human. Our character will be determined by how we keep all aspects of our lives in flux. Anyone can give you advice and tell you what to do, but when it comes down to it, you always have free will.

That's the beauty of it.

## State of the Union Address includes a call to end standardized testing



BY STEVEN CENNAME  
Editorial Editor

Today's public education system has been watered down to a choice between A, B, C and D. Now, schools boards and lawmakers all over the country are realizing that they have made a terrible mistake.

A notable highlight of this year's State of the Union address focused on education, when President Obama somewhat surprisingly called for an end to the excessive use of standardized testing in public schools.

"We need to measure how well our students think, not how well they fill in a bubble on a test," Obama said.

The elimination, or at least reduction, of standardized testing is arguably one of the most important reforms we need in the education system, simply because these tests have failed at what they are named to do — be standardized.

Standardized testing has been approached differently among teachers. The No Child Left Behind Act was passed in 2001, greatly expanding the use of testing to measure teacher and student success and progress. Some public school teachers have abandoned the education techniques they practiced prior to NCLB, instead preparing their students for the tests instead of teaching the way they think is most effective. Since their jobs depend on how well their students do on the tests, they feel they have no choice but to stick to a very limited curriculum.

Other teachers have not been as complicit, preparing students for high school, college, and the real world instead of preparing students for the end of the year tests. The teachers that prepare their students for the test are rewarded because their students score higher, even though they are no smarter and have learned no more than the students of the teachers who have not capitulated to the new normal.

The advent of standardized testing leads to the rise of preparation courses that are usually very pricey — therefore putting lower income students at a disadvantage. The students who can afford the prep classes go on to do better on the tests than those who are not as well off. This discrepancy in scores does not have anything to do with intelligence, but is instead made possible by parents who are rich enough to afford to send their children to these classes.

There is nothing wrong with

these parents who send their children to these prep classes, but these classes give advantage to one group of students over another, and therefore the standardized test is not standardized.

Also, standardized tests have become a money-making scheme. Not only do the prep classes cost money, but the tests themselves cost money too. Tests like the SAT and ACT are expensive and, because of lobbying by corporations like The College Board and Kaplan, are required for admission by most universities. The companies that run these tests are out to milk students for every penny they have by charging them to take the test, take a prep class, buy a study manual and retake the test several times. All of this can cost several hundreds of dollars, and not every American student can afford that. This is very sad because students are now seen as opportunities to make a buck instead of opportunities to build a better future for America and the world.

Salisbury University is a testing optional school, meaning that neither the SAT or ACT are required for admission. The testing optional policy has been a cornerstone of the admission reforms set in place by President Janet Dudley-Eshbach.

"Our studies have shown that testing optional students perform as well as their classmates and that the graduation rates of testing optional students are actually slightly higher. The program also has contributed to greater economic diversity among our incoming students, which we believe allows SU to better serve all the citizens of Maryland," Dudley-Eshbach said.

These studies cited by Dudley-Eshbach show that standardized testing fails to properly measure the intelligence or academic ability of prospective students. The testing optional policy has also contributed to the trend of increased cultural and economic diversity of SU's campus over the past 10 years.

As pilot studies conducted by SU have shown, overreliance on standardized testing has led to the exclusion of many superb students from higher education and also leads to a more homogenous student body. Standardized testing in elementary school has led to the release of many well-qualified teachers who wish to expand their students' knowledge beyond the limited curriculum of standardized tests.

Standardized tests must either be deemphasized in the American education system or at least given a different name, because saying that these tests are standardized is an outright lie. School systems across the country should listen to Obama's words and not simplify our education system to a guess between A, B, C and D.

## Obama should keep his promise on guns

BY JORDAN PELAVIN  
Staff Writer

In the month of January alone there have been 11 shootings on school campuses in the United States.

Counts vary for how many occurred in 2013, but most sources agree that there were at least 28. The stories of these shootings have been in the papers and on the news, and every time it seems like it's finally the end, another one happens.

Last year was filled with debate in the public sphere about gun laws. In the wake of the shootings in Newtown, Conn., where 20 children and six adults were fatally shot at Sandy Hook Elementary school, President Obama promised that he would make gun control a central issue in his second term of office.

Obama created a gun violence task force headed by Vice President Joe Biden, asking congresses to pass more laws having to do with gun control: including stricter laws about background checks and bans on assault style weapons and guns magazines that hold more than 10 clips. The legislation would be a good start.

But, as it always seems to, political gridlock is stopping real progress from occurring. The National Rifle Association is lobbying hard to ensure that gun rights are not challenged — even minuscule, in important ways that would make our country much safer. The NRA's proposal was to bring in armed guards to schools. Gun control has turned in to a partisan issue — with Republicans being

firmly against almost to the person — instead of being treated as what it is: a safety issue.

One of the shootings that occurred last week was at Purdue University in Indiana.

"I was really impressed by how quickly people handled the situation. The whole thing occurred from about noon to about 2 p.m., and there was a candlelight vigil that same night at 8 p.m. with a huge number of students attending. It just really stood out to me that people were able to organize something like that so quickly," said Tim Luttermoser, a graduate student at Purdue.

While it heartens me to see how communities band together in the aftermath of tragedy, I can't help but be optimistic that with the right laws in place, none of that banding together would be necessary. I hope we reach that point soon, and I hope it doesn't take more pointless violence to get us there.

I'm hoping that 2014 will be a banner year for gun control laws, and a year we look back on as the start of new, safe and smart policy.

In his State of the Union address Obama said, "Citizenship means standing up for the lives that gun violence steals from us each day. I've seen the courage of parents, students, pastors, police officers all over this country who say 'we are not afraid.' And I intend to keep trying, with or without Congress, to help stop more tragedies from visiting innocent Americans in our movie theaters, in our shopping malls, or schools like Sandy Hook."

I hope Obama keeps that promise. It's time for smarter gun laws.

## Our View

## Twitter: an online archive of human stupidity

Twitter is arguably the most influential social networking site. Careers have been made and ended by this website; just ask Anthony Weiner. Some tweets and hashtags go down in history, while others are embarrassingly deleted within seconds of posting.

It's a cesspool, to say the least. A very influential cesspool.

However, part of this influence of Twitter is the great testament of stupidity that exists on it.

Petty hashtags seem to spring up almost every hour on Twitter, the most recent being #boycottcoke, which started trending during Super Bowl XLVIII. This hashtag was made in response to a commercial from Coca Cola that showed multicultural people singing "America the Beautiful," in several languages.

To most sane Americans, the Coke commercial would just be a rather cute piece praising America's diversity. But not for Twitter. No, instead this commercial was anti-American and part of the war on English, which many people on Twitter declared as the "official national language" during the Super Bowl, even though America does not have an official national language.

To make things worse, many of the #boycottcoke tweeters were offended by our national anthem being sung in different languages. This may confuse you because you most likely know that "America the Beautiful" is not our national anthem. That honor belongs to "The Star-Spangled Banner."

Fortunately, searching #boycottcoke on Twitter right now will mostly yield results using the hashtag to deride the campaign.

"The fact that #boycottcoke is actually a thing makes me sick. If you're honestly upset that they recognized other cultures you're ignorant," @Torrific tweeted.

Others found the hashtag as a hilarious example of modern racism.

"This is America. Racists have every right to #boycottcoke. And I have every right to laugh and laugh and laugh at

them," @jkfckee tweeted.

However, some patriotic defenders of the English language still remain.

"America the Beautiful should not be allowed to be sang in a different language. Dumb commercial #boycottcoke #english #merica," @scurtis212 tweeted.

The campaign to #boycottcoke is just another bullet point in the vast array of human stupidity and deliberate misinformation that provides a depressing majority of tweets these days. Even some Twitter account names will get you depressed, our favorite being the classic "Adolf Joe Biden," which has recently been deleted.

Twitter is partially responsible for the dumbing-down of American political dialogue, a recent example being South Carolina Republican official Todd Kinnannon referring to Democratic Texas gubernatorial candidate Wendy Davis as a "slut," who has a "sugar daddy." Conservative blogger Erick Erickson joined the bandwagon, tweeting about Davis by calling her "abortion Barbie." Neither has apologized for their sexist tweet yet.

But dumbing-down the political debate with idiotic tweets is not a trademark of conservatives; liberals join in the fun too. MSNBC, a notable left-leaning news network, angered Republican National Committee Chairman Reince Priebus recently by implying in a tweet that conservatives in general hate interracial marriages, saying that they would dislike the Super Bowl Cheerios commercial that features an interracial family. MSNBC eventually deleted and apologized for the tweet.

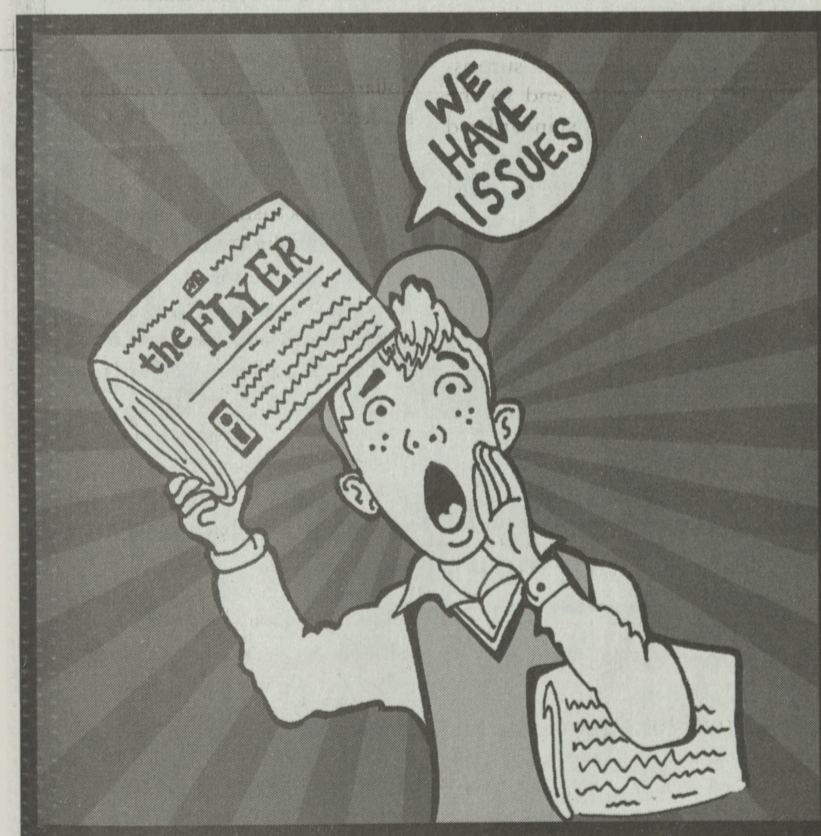
Twitter can be used constructively. Tweet interesting articles that you want all your friends to read. Even tweeting about partying and about how drunk you got last night is more desirable than contributing to the polarization of America. I am just afraid that if Twitter is used by future generations, they will look back at our tweets in disgust, and view us all as a dark and disturbing chapter of human history.

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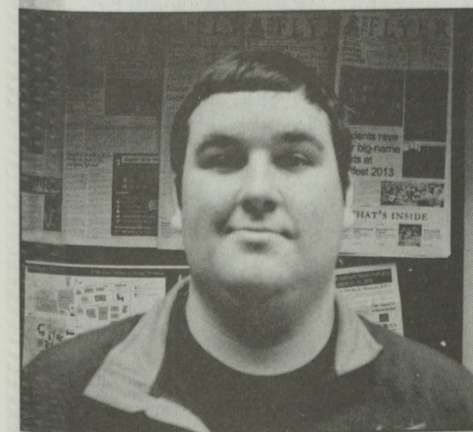
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## Primetime Perspective



BY MITCHELL NORTHAM  
Staff Writer

The Seattle Seahawks and their band of misfits completely decimated the Denver Broncos in Super Bowl XLVIII, holding the No. 1 scoring offense in NFL history to just eight points while the Seahawks put up 43.

Seattle's defense gave the Broncos little room to breathe, and even less room for error. The Seahawks scored two points on a safety during the first play of the game after Broncos center Manny Ramirez fired a snap past quarterback Peyton Manning. The mistakes snowballed from there and the Broncos never recovered.

Leading up to the big game, much of the chatter was a discussion about legacy; in par-

ticular, the legacy of Manning, arguably one of the greatest quarterbacks of all-time.

Even with a mark going into the loss column for Manning, his legacy was already pretty good and nearly unquestionable. Five league MVP's (the most for one player in NFL history), one Super Bowl victory (XLI), 13 Pro Bowl selections, seven All-Pro selections, a Comeback Player of the Year award and a dozen of other records and awards.

Few players have the resume that Manning does, and even if he were to lose five more Super Bowls before he retires he will still go down as one of the greatest quarterbacks in NFL history.

Instead, a legacy that may be debated now is that of the 2014 Super Bowl champions, the Seattle Seahawks; in particular, their defense, "The Legion of Boom."

This wasn't just any offense Seattle's defense beat; this was the greatest scoring offense in NFL history, orchestrated by one of the greatest quarterbacks of all time.

So with Seattle winning by so much, and their defense being so dominant, it is time to pass on a "greatest of all-time" title to them? Yes, because not only did the Seahawks beat the greatest offense in NFL history, not only did they hold one of the greatest quarterbacks in history to just a single touchdown, but they did it pride and swagger.

The man wearing the headset on the sidelines, orchestrating Seattle's defense as their

defensive coordinator, was Dan Quinn; former Salisbury University defensive lineman and 1994 graduate. Quinn stuck with what worked, and for his defense it was the Cover-3 scheme. A defense with some gaps in it, but a defense that Quinn had enough confidence in to stick with, even against a machine like Manning. Essentially, Quinn and the defense dared Manning to take his shots. Manning did, and he failed. Call it pride or call it cocky, but it worked.

Everyone knows that the Seahawks defense likes to talk too, especially after Richard Sherman claimed to be the greatest cornerback in the game and called 49ers wide receiver Michael Crabtree "mediocre."

Sherman was right in both aspects. Sherman received the most votes for a cornerback for this year's all-pro team and led the league in interceptions. Backing up trash talk with great play is rare, but that's Sherman's way to intimidate and it works. He had just one pass thrown his way in the Super Bowl.

Seahawks defensive end Michael Bennett talked after the Super Bowl too, saying "We're the best defense since the '85 Bears."

But, could the 2013 Seahawks be better than the 1985 Bears?

The '85 Chicago Bears, also known as the "Monsters of the Midway," are somewhat statistically better than this year's Seahawks as they allowed two less points-per-game and forced more turnovers, but the '85 Bears

never beat an elite offense. Sure, they beat Joe Montana and the 49ers in week six of the '85 season (ranked 5th overall in total offense that season), but only by two possessions. The toughest offense the Bears faced that season was that of the Miami Dolphins in week 13. The league's 4th ranked offense that year led by Dan Marino was the only team to beat the '85 Bears, winning 38-24. Even in the Super Bowl the Bears were hardly challenged by a Tony Eason-led Patriots team that ranked 10th in the league in offense that season.

This Seahawks defense didn't beat a team led by Tony Eason, Kerry Collins, Rich Gannon or Vince Ferragamo; they beat Peyton Manning and the number one offense in NFL history.

These Seahawks are also playing defense at an elite level in a different era. An era where it's illegal to hit opposing players in the head and roughing the passer can be defined as laying a finger on the quarterback. The '85 Bears played during a time where anything less than murder went without penalty.

So the '85 Bears, the 2000 Baltimore Ravens, the "Steel Curtain" of the 70's and the '02 Tampa Bay Buccaneers can all have a seat; there's a new team holding the title.

The 2014 Seattle Seahawks are the greatest defense in NFL history and it's not even close.



## CAMPUS CHIC

Look cool, stay warm



Contributed by Kara Kinnamon  
Winter outerwear doesn't have to be boring; add pops of color and style to enhance your outfit.

BY KARA KINNAMON  
Fashion Columnist

The spring semester is finally here, but the snowstorm last week was a reminder that winter isn't quite over yet.

Enduring the cold is one thing, but figuring out what to wear is another. The worst scenario is bundling up and feeling weather-appropriate, until you walk into class and immediately feel as if you crossed the border somewhere between Perdue and Fulton.

I believe there are four essential elements to surviving these concurrent polar vortex snaps: weather apps, accessories, a good coat and mastering the art of layering.

If you have a smart phone, then you most likely already have a weather app. Otherwise, weather updates are easily accessible through the Internet and good old-fashioned television news. I personally prefer the Weather Channel app because of its wide range of features and reliability.

When choosing a weather-appropriate outfit, it is imperative that you know just how cold it is going to be. It's also important to know if it might rain or snow on campus, or even how strong the winds will be. This all influences the type of layers, accessories, footwear and coat you should choose.

Usually an idea like this might be implied in winter fashion advice. Yet with my very own eyes last week I saw an SU student traipsing about campus in cargo shorts. There was fresh snow on the ground. He did, however, remember his toboggan.

Accessories are vital to comfort during the harsh winter months. Break out the gloves, earmuffs, scarves, wool socks, and hats. Your jewelry has officially been replaced. This is the one season when wearing all accessories at once is acceptable.

Use accessories to add pops of color in your look. If you are like me, then you likely enjoy wearing mostly, if not all black. Adding a canary scarf, burgundy gloves or cobalt blue bag is a great way to add depth to your look that's on trend.

If you spend a lot of your time walking on campus, invest in gloves with finger pads that allow you to text on your touch screen phone. You may also want to check out earmuffs that have headphones built inside.

Also take this time to embrace the female toboggan trend led so popularly by stars like Rihanna and Rita Ora. But be prepared for hat hair.

A good coat is essential in the winter. It should be considered a part of your outfit, rather than a device to keep you warm that cov-

ers the whole outfit up. A good coat is one of the few things I believe in splurging on. Several important factors should be considered when shopping for a coat: performance, insulation, quality and appearance.

You should also begin to build a collection of coats in which you have a variety of uses and looks. This range should represent casual to formal, as well as light to heavy. Finally, the art of layering is the key to versatility and comfort. To avoid the uncomfortable heat flash when transitioning indoors, layer accordingly.

When it's really cold I like to pair my thick, ribbed leggings with a long-sleeved shirt, a sweater, wool socks, rain boots to repel the snow, an insulated North Face jacket, earmuffs and a knit scarf. With this casual and comfortable outfit, I am content walking to class, and I can remove a variety of items depending upon the temperature once I'm inside.

**Campus Chic tip:** Try to avoid the "sweatshirt rut" this semester. If you must wear a sweatshirt, at least spice it up with a cute scarf and boots. If not, try the one accessory guaranteed to keep you warm; a piping hot cup of coffee or tea. But choose your cup wisely!

Kara Kinnamon photo

When temperatures drop well below freezing this month, follow this SU student's example: Her stylish black coat, paired with a pop of color, creates a fun, sophisticated look that will keep her warm all season long.

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## Keeping it local: Salisbury's hidden gem

When shopping on the Eastern Shore, think small

BY ALYSSA MOLINA  
Staff Writer

The Eastern Shore is known for crabbing, farming and beautiful ocean scenery. One thing this area is definitely not known for is its retail options.

Coming into Salisbury as a former fashion merchandising major, I was devastated at the lack of variety I had to choose from when it came to shopping. However, over the years, I've found some of Salisbury's hidden gems within the downtown area.

Downtown Salisbury is becoming a revitalized area filled with amazing local shops, restaurants, galleries and live events. Season's Best Antiques on 104 Poplar Hill Ave. is one that keeps the downtown spirit alive.

You might be thinking, an antique shop? Really?

Actually, yes. Where else can you get a vintage Christian Dior scarf for \$12? Where else can you get gold encrusted home décor for less than \$50?

One thing is for sure; you will not find

your answer at the Salisbury mall.

Large chain stores are becoming less and less appealing; they do nothing to enhance our community and don't allow visitors to learn about the people and culture of Salisbury.

I went with Flyer fashion columnist Kara Kinnamon last Saturday to shop there for the first time, and I fell completely in love the minute I walked in.

That's when I thought to myself, "Season's Best Antiques is probably one of Salisbury's best-kept secrets."

There is something about antique shops that a lot of young people don't appreciate. The three things that got me hooked were the insanely low prices for designer items, the uniqueness of each antique item and the story to go along with your one-of-a-kind purchase.

If you are the type of person who loves an experience when you shop, rather than an employee tailgating you around the store to make numbers, then I encourage you to venture downtown and shop small.

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## Food For The Broke

BY AMANDA BIEDERMAN  
Gull Life Editor

Fried "haggis" balls

Last month I had one of the most incredible experiences of my life: the opportunity to travel to Scotland for a communications class focused on national identity. In just two weeks I learned so much about this incredible country and its people.

Food is an integral part of culture, and I was excited to experience new foods and compare them to my own. But to be honest, I wasn't all that impressed with Scottish cuisine.

The salads didn't have real lettuce. Often, the sandwiches seemed strange. Italian food was almost impossible to avoid; there were pizza restaurants on almost every corner. And in general, the food seemed a bit bland than I was accustomed to.

But there was one traditional Scottish dish that our professor was adamant that we try. I admit, at first I was skeptical about eating haggis, a meat that looked like ground beef but was made of sheep stomach. Basically, it's the Scottish equivalent of scrapple.

Haggis has a strange taste, but I actually ended up liking it. It's not something I would want to eat every day, but it really wasn't that bad.

Don't worry, I'm not going to write up a recipe for homemade haggis. It's a food that you should definitely try if you ever have the opportunity to visit Scotland, but I definitely wouldn't recommend trying to cut up a sheep in your kitchen.

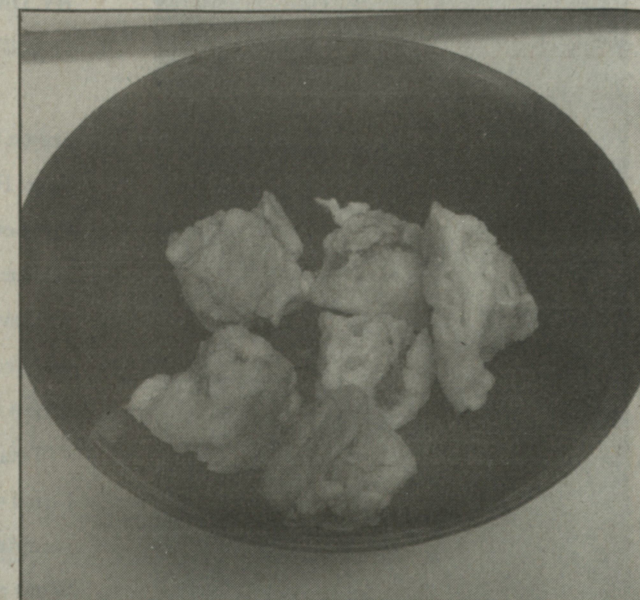
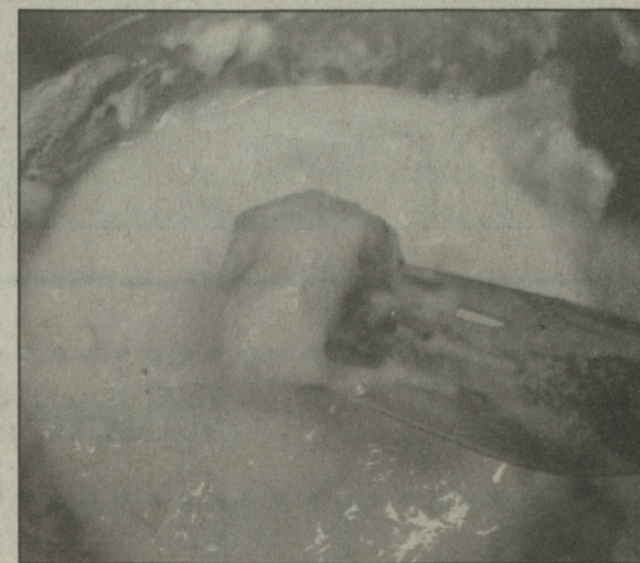
But haggis comes in many forms, and in one restaurant I was able to try fried haggis balls, which were basically just packets of meat within a crusty breaded layer. I actually really liked them, and it made me wonder if I could recreate them at home. That's when I got the idea for fried meatballs. They didn't turn out exactly how I pictured them, but they were still delicious and would make a great finger food for breakfast, the Super Bowl or a late-night snack.

Servings: 4  
Total Estimated Cost: \$1.75  
Cook/Prep Time: 20 minutes

Ingredients: 8 fully cooked frozen meatballs, 1 cup powder, 1 egg, 1/2 cup water, 5 tbsp vegetable oil

Directions:

1. Thaw meatballs in microwave (in bowl with a bit of water) on high for 1 minute, 30 seconds
2. While heating meatballs, mix flour, water and egg
3. Dip meatballs in mix
4. Heat skillet on stove with vegetable oil
5. Carefully drop dipped balls onto skillet and let cook for 5-8 minutes or until bread is browned  
(Add your own herbs, spices or cheese to the dough mix for extra flavor. Personally, I think they taste amazing with chili pepper and just a hint of garlic)



Amanda Biederman photos  
Meatballs only taste more delicious when you fry them in a doughy crust.



## SALISBURY UNIVERSITY SPORTS

### WINTER SCHEDULE/RESULTS

#### MEN'S BASKETBALL

12/18/13	No. 18 Chris Newport	L, 56-47
12/28/13	Fairleigh Dickinson University-Florham	W, 87-57
12/29/13	Carnegie Mellon University	L, 79-70
12/30/13	Emory-Riddle University	L, 73-52
01/04/14	Penn St.-Harrisburg*	W, 64-51
01/08/14	No. 17 Marry Washington *	L, 75-70
01/11/14	York*	L, 60-57
01/15/14	No. 14 Wesley*	L, 68-62
01/18/14	Frostburg State*	W, 92-80
01/20/14	Southern Virginia	W, 81-72
01/22/14	Marymount*	L, 65-58
01/25/14	Penn St.-Harrisburg*	W, 78-65
01/30/14	No. 25 St Mary's	W, 65-62

#### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

12/18/13	Chris Newport*	L, 78-68
12/28/13	Oneonta St.	L, 54-53
12/29/13	No. 11 Montclair St.	L, 70-53
01/04/14	Penn St.-Harrisburg	W, 70-57
01/08/14	Marry Washington *	W, 51-39
01/11/14	York*	L, 77-72
01/15/14	Wesley*	W, 55-36
01/18/14	Frostburg State*	W, 84-71
01/20/14	Southern Virginia	W, 67-31
01/22/14	Marymount*	L, 63-57
01/25/14	Penn St.-Harrisburg*	W, 66-41
01/30/14	St Mary's*	W, 65-40

#### MEN'S SWIMMING

01/05/14	York	L, 133-129
01/11/14	Marry Washington*	L, 159-46

#### WOMEN'S SWIMMING

01/05/14	York	L, 148-109
01/11/14	Marry Washington*	L, 161-44

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### Athlete Spotlight: Victoria Radcliffe



SU Athletics photo

BY DAVID CABRERA  
Staff Writer

**Sport:** Swimming  
**Year:** Freshman  
**Hometown:** Ellicott City, Md.  
**Major:** Earth Science  
**Achievements:** CAC Women's Swimming Co-Athlete of the Week for Oct. 29  
**When did you realize you wanted to be a swimmer?**  
"I started swimming when I was 8; took some lessons. I tried other sports but I didn't like them. I didn't like swimming at first but I just stuck with it."  
**What are your feelings on your performance this season?**  
"I feel like I've done really well. I've gotten a lot of

points for the team. The upperclassmen have been very helpful and supportive. We do things together (outside of swimming). We're very close-knit."  
**Do you have a nickname that the team gave you?**  
"Big Vick. (The team) adds a "big" to any freshmen's name."  
**What is your favorite part of SU?**  
"I just love it here. The classes, the team, I love everything about SU."  
**What do you want to do in the future?**  
"Get in a graduate program of some sort."  
**Head Coach Jill Stephenson's thoughts on Victoria:**  
"She's had a fairly good season. She's a hard worker, very focused, team-person, someone you definitely want on your team. If she continues to work hard, the sky is the limit for her."

## Athlete's Health

### Concussion prevention

BY ASHLEY MARTIN  
Staff Writer

Salisbury University's women soccer goalkeeper, Michelle Conrad, waited anxiously to protect her team's net. It was one of the most competitive games she had played as both teams fought for the win. Down the field, she noticed one of her teammates hit the ground. Their back and head crashing to the field at full speed. Right way Conrad noticed her teammate tried to stand but was unable to walk straight. Coaches and medics ran out on the field to help out her injured teammate.

In contact sports such as soccer, the risk of concussions is not unfamiliar. The Datalys Center for Sports Injury and Prevention reported that football and women's soccer had the most concussions in the NCAA.

"We are always learning and trying to find ways to keep our students safe," SU football Head Coach Sherman Wood said.

Wood said the best prevention is to teach players at their youth levels about the injury and how to spot it.

Conrad said she learned to speak up whenever she was feeling any type of symptom related to a concussion. She was in high school, with not much knowledge about how to identify a concussion, and slammed her head into the metal goal post.

"I completed the game before admitting my symptoms to my coach," said Conrad. "Now that I know about the dangers of the injury, I would never just continue in the game like that again."

The NCAA implanted a rule that all players must complete a baseline test before playing in a season. The test would be compared to another test post head-injury. SU athletics enforces the rule with all of the school's athletes.

"Salisbury Athletics has taken the precautions of having each new student athlete take a base line examination in which you answer a series of questions on a computer exam and complete balance and memory examinations with the athletic training staff," Conrad said.

Wood said every student must pass the baseline test in order to participate in the sport.

Although players are aware of the injury risks, some say it doesn't stop them from playing their hardest.

"You play the sport because you love it," said senior rugby player Nick Capobianca. "The risk of getting seriously hurt is somewhere in your mind, but in the forefront of it is playing the game you love."

Senior rugby player Nick Kuhl admitted that a lot of athletes continue to play, despite experiencing possible concussion symptoms.

"I think that's the most dangerous part," said Kuhl. "Not speaking up about feeling dizzy or nauseous about a hit. Or thinking it's just going to go away."

Conrad said it's very difficult to prevent the injury but players being honest with themselves, and their coaches and trainers would help to prevent further injury.

## Seahawks dominate



BY KOLBY MALY  
Staff Writer

The Seattle Seahawks took the world by storm as they cruised to a 43-8 Super Bowl victory over the Denver Broncos. A blowout no one saw coming which made for one of the least entertaining Super Bowl games in recent memory.

In a survey conducted on The Flyer's Facebook page students were asked a few questions pertaining to the Super Bowl. When asked who they would be cheering for 69 percent of respondents chose the Broncos, 78 percent thought the Broncos would win the game. The survey also asked what students were planning to do for the game. 69 percent were watching the game with friends and 23 percent were attending a Super Bowl party.

The Seahawks dominated from the opening kickoff, pinning Denver inside their own 20 to start the game. Then a miscommunication between Peyton Manning and the center, resulting in the snap sailing past Manning and into the end zone. The ball was recovered by Denver in the end zone resulting in a safety

just 12 seconds into the game. Seattle quickly seized momentum in the game and didn't look back. They would later add two Steven Hauschka field goals to lead 8-0 after the first quarter.

A one yard Marshawn Lynch touchdown run would extend the Seattle lead to 15-0 early in the second quarter. Seattle's defense kept the pressure on as Malcolm Smith intercepted Manning and took it 69 yards for a touchdown, pushing the score to 22-0. Peyton and the Broncos would drive down the field before halftime hoping for a score but they failed to convert on fourth and 2. Seattle would then run out the clock.

Percy Harvin wasted no time as he ran the kick off back 87 yards for a touchdown, 12 seconds into the second half. The Bronco offense could not find their rhythm as they punted the ball away again. Seattle's defense kept Manning uncomfortable all night, the physical, fast and hard hitting team set the tone early and never looked back. Denver started to build a good drive but Demaryius Thomas would be stripped by Byron Maxwell giving the ball back to Seattle. Russell Wilson

connected with Jermaine Kearse for a 23 yard touchdown pass on the Seahawks ensuing drive after the fumble. Before the end of the third quarter Thomas would redeem himself to some degree, making a nice catch from Manning for a 14 yard touchdown reception. Denver scored on the two-point conversion to Wes Welker, making it 36-8 Seattle.

Wilson added a 10 yard touchdown pass to Doug Baldwin which would end the scoring, 43-8. Manning was stripped of the ball by Chris Clemmons late in the fourth quarter giving the Seattle defense four turnovers for the game.

Students were asked in the survey about who they thought would win the MVP. Peyton Manning got 61 percent of the votes while Marshawn Lynch gathered 30 percent. The MVP would actually end up being Malcolm Smith, who had the interception returned for a touchdown.

The old saying, defense wins championships proved to be true as Seattle's No. 1 defense stifled Manning and the No. 1 offense in the NFL from start to finish.

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